

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 2, 5, and 6. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-7 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Examiner Objections - Claims

Claims 2, 5 and 6 were objected to because of informalities. Again, the Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough review of the claims. The Applicant has amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner in order to correct the informalities. The Examiner's consideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

3.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 5-7 and 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Albers, *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,097,798). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Albers is directed to wiretapping using a 5ESS switch. It appears that the Examiner reads the interface functionality of the 5ESS switch on a media handling node of the present application. A 5ESS switch has nothing to do with a media handling node of an IMS domain. However, Applicant recognizes that the Examiner is reading the claims in the broadest sense possible. As such, Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 5 to recite "the media handling node comprising a gateway of an internet protocol multimedia subsystem domain". Clearly, Albers does not teach, disclose, or suggest this limitation.

In view of the above arguments, Applicant asserts that independent claims 1 and 5 are patentable over the Albers reference. Dependent claims 2-4, 6 and 7 are patentable at least by virtue of depending from their respective base claim.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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